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Cal Poly to Present State's Best High School Musicians in Concert April 21

SAN LUIS OBISPO – The Cal Poly Music Department will host the Cal Poly All-State Festival Concert, featuring more than 100 of the state's best high school musicians, at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, April 21, in Harman Hall in the Performing Arts Center.

The All-State Festival Wind Orchestra and Festival Jazz Band will perform as part of the closing festivities of Cal Poly's three-day Open House event. The festival's Solo Competition winner will also perform, accompanied by pianist Susan Azaret Davies.

The Festival Jazz Band director will be Charles Wood, music professor emeritus from Santa Barbara City College. Wood served as director of bands and jazz studies for 15 years on the Santa Barbara campus and director of bands at Bakersfield College for 24 years. He received the Jazz Masters Award from the Santa Barbara Jazz Society and an Honorary Service Award from the California State PTA for outstanding service to the youth of the community.

The Festival Wind Orchestra will be conducted by William Johnson, Cal Poly music professor emeritus. Johnson was professor of music at Cal Poly from 1966 until 2010. He served as coordinator of instrumental music and conducted the university Wind Orchestra and Wind Ensemble. He founded the Cal Poly All-State Music Festival. In great demand as a consultant, Johnson has been a guest conductor, lecturer and clinician throughout the world. From 1993 until 1995, Johnson served as president of the World Association for Symphonic Bands and Ensembles.

Tickets to the concert are \$12 and \$14 for the public and \$9 and \$12 for senior citizens and students. New pricing includes all Performing Arts Center fees, and event parking is sponsored by the PAC. Tickets are sold at the Performing Arts Ticket office between noon and 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. To order by phone, call SLO-4TIX (756-4849).

The Music Department offers a 10 percent discount to patrons who buy season tickets to four of its events through the Performing Arts Ticket Office; a 15 percent discount is given on tickets to five or more events.

The concert is sponsored by Cal Poly's Music Department, College of Liberal Arts, and Instructionally Related Activities program. For more information, call the Music Department at 805-756-2406.

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